In respect of earlier cases, the living freedom fighters have been advised more than once through the Press to file an affidavit/ declaration regarding the dependents to the respective Accountant General to enable them to revise the Pension Payment Orders after their death. It is also proposed to authorise district authorities to issue necessary certificates regarding widow's claim to the Accountant General concerned so that pension may be transferred without reference to this Ministry.

Killings in Punjab

1629. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed or seriously injured by terrorists in Punjab during the last four months;

(b) the number of terrorists arrested during the above period;

(c) whether measures have been intensified to check the possible entry of foreign trained terrorists into the country from across the border; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Govt. of Punjab, 136 persons were killed and 82 persons were injured by terrorists in the State during the period from 1st July, 1986 to 31st October, 1986. 722 terrorists involved in various cases were arrested during this period.

(c) and (d) The security arrangements have been tightened to check infiltration of terrorists from across the border. The patrolling on the border has been intensified and additional companies of security forces have been deployed. Constant vigilance is being maintained by the security forces on borders.

Progress of the T. V. Industry

1630. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Television Industry in the country has not progressed on lines desired by Government due to continued heavy reliance on imports, failure in exports, poor after sales service and total indifference to Research and Development; and

(b) whether Government propose to review its free for all trade policies leading to emergence of such consumer industries in the country at this crucial and early stage of development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The production of Black & White and Colour TV Sets has gone up steeply during the last three years. The growth in physical terms for Black & White TV was 80 per cent and that for Colour TV was 136 per cent for the year 1985 over the year 1984. Most of the components used in B&W TV are manufactured indigenously. At present 80 per cent of components for CTV are imported. Components Industry is progressing satisfactorily and import content is expected to reduce to 60 per cent by 1987 and 20 per cent by 1988. Government expects that with rationalised policies being followed for licensing, healthy competition will be generated which will result in technology upgradation, improved quality, improved after sales-service, cost-consciousness and to some extent exports.

Radio and TV industry is not merely for entertainment. They play a very important role in building social awareness, national integration and education, both formal and informal. The rapid growth of this industry will be a contribution to these objectives.